

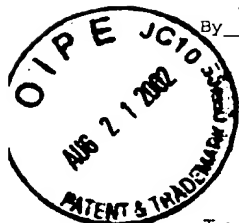
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : MÜELLER, et al.
For : **STATOR AND STATOR WINDING METHOD
FOR USE WITH BRUSHLESS DIRECT
CURRENT MOTORS**
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
(with traverse)**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002, requiring an election to the Restriction Requirement, applicants elect, with traverse, Group III which is drawn to a coil winding method. The elected group includes original claims 11-19.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, drawn to a method for winding as amended above properly belongs in Group III drawn to a coil winding method. For that reason, the election in response to the Restriction Requirement is made with traverse.

More particularly, the original Restriction Requirement was made because, according to the Examiner, Group I does not require the special technical features of a first group n1 and a second group n2 of conductors as required by Group III. However, applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 does indeed require the special technical features of first and second groups of conductors.

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In claim 1, a first set of conductors are allocated to the first coil and a second set of conductors are allocated to the second coil. Independent claim 11 identifies the first group of conductors as "n1" and the second group as "n2". This distinction, however, is insignificant and non-substantive.

Next, the Examiner took the position that Group III does not require the special technical features of a predetermined number of conductors placed in parallel as required by Group I. This original limitation has now been canceled from independent claim 1 by way of the enclosed Second Preliminary Amendment.

For at least the above reasons, applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 and claims 11-19 should now be examined on their merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced patent application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the application as follows: